



EVESHAM

**STREET
PASTORS**

Annual Report
for our sixth successful year
2018-2019

Caring

Listening

Praying

Helping



*“A lot of people just want to talk
– we are often told some very
personal and private things”
(Street Pastor)*

During 2018/19, we...

...collected 1437 bottles / cans / broken glass to remove potential weapons and prevent injury to feet;

...provided 162 pairs of flip-flops (for bare feet), 138 bottles of water (to counter dehydration) and twelve ‘Space blankets’ (for warmth);

...gave out 3512 lollipops, to calm situations, reduce tension and provide opportunity for conversation;

...carried out 55 patrols.

“They are our angels in disguise...” (Security Staff)



Listening

We have provided a listening ear on 1485 occasions and have had more serious conversations with 102 people.



Helping

Our presence has defused difficult situations ten times during the year.

We have directed people to other agencies.

We have assisted people in getting a taxi or walking them home.

The Churches in Evesham support homeless people so we rarely see them but when we do, we direct them to local support services.



Training

During the year we have trained five new Street Pastors and we have undertaken a total of 52 training sessions using both our own team of trainers and with help from other local groups.



Praying

“We wouldn’t do this without prayer”
(Street Pastor)

We are a Christian Mission and everything we do is surrounded in prayer.

We pray –

- before we go out
- while we are on patrol
- when we return

We pray –

with those on the streets and *for* those on the streets, as well as the Police, Security and other Emergency Services.

We have a great Prayer Partner team, many of whom stay with us at Church House until 3.00 a.m. – but don’t let that put you off. Others go home at midnight.

“The assistance of the Street Pastors is absolutely invaluable”
(Police Officer)



Christian Outreach

As part of Churches Together in Evesham and District, the work of Street Pastors is an opportunity for Christian service, providing

- a different aspect of Christian outreach
- a vital link with local community
- a practical expression of Christian faith
- results which reveal God's blessing



Patrolling

Once every weekend, either Saturday or Friday and 'Super' Sundays.

We start at 10.00 p.m. and usually finish at 3.00 a.m.

The individual commitment of a Street Pastor is to patrol once a month.

We have committed support from Wychavon CCTV, local Police and door staff.

And immense respect from those enjoying the night life of the town.

“The Street Pastors fill the gap between the work of the door staff and the Police” (Night Club Manager)



Funding

As part of Churches Together in Evesham and District, we are supported by many of the local churches, the local Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner, and local authorities in the South Worcestershire Partnership also support us.

Wychavon District Council, John Martin's Charity, Evesham Town Council and local County Councillors are generous to us. Local businesses support us in kind. All Saints Church is always welcoming and provides a base for our work.

Chairman's Report

We celebrate together six years of the ministry of Street Pastors in Evesham. We may be familiar with the words of Jesus in John Gospel: "I am the light of the world." And I think that in general we understand the gist of what he was saying – this light is to do with love, compassion, kindness, mercy, justice. This light that is found in Jesus is the shining of the true heart of God for all His creation. But elsewhere Jesus turns the saying around and says to those he is teaching, "You are the light of the world." And it is this reality that the work of Street Pastors seeks to emulate. To take the love, and compassion of God out onto the streets of Evesham, not so much by words, although it includes that, but by presence and by action.

We thank all those involved, those who patrol, pray, deal with admin and finance and those who give generously financially and with encouragement – we are grateful to you all.

On behalf of the Trustees I am pleased to commend this report to you and to express our thanks to all those involved.



Becoming a Street Pastor

Talk to one of the team.

Don a bright yellow jacket and join a patrol as an Observer for a night.

Then talk to John Darby about the details.



Becoming a Prayer Partner

Talk to one of the team.

Try us out by joining the team one night for an hour or so ... or more.

*“We are a team; although do not go out [with them], we do”
(Prayer Partner)*

Evesham Street Pastors

A Charity registered in England and Wales: Number 1156750

Trustees: Diane Bennett MBE; Rev'd Ralph Bolland; John Darby; Sheila Himsworth; Tom Meldrum; Rev'd Dr Edward Pillar (Chairman); Rev'd Andrew Spurr; Kay Wall.

Our Trustees are supported by: Representatives of Evesham Police and Wychavon District Council and by Derek Markie (Treasurer).

Current Street Pastors (Patrol Leaders shown in bold):

Peter Barry*; Diane Bennett*; **Simon Brown**; Simona Bujdošová; Trevor Burton; Andrew Capel; **John Darby**; Sandie Davies; Lee Fisher; Andy Foster; Silvie Jelínková; Chiara Pelazza; Mike Powell; Carol Sheehan; **Chris Sheehan**; Andrew Spurr; **Graham Wells**; Steve Wilderspin.

(* *lead when able*)

Street Pastor in Training: Jim Slimmon.

Prayer Partners:

Diane Bennett; Liz Booth; Stuart Brown; Robert and Heather Bryce; Diane Capel; Joyce Davey; Anne Evans; Lee Fisher; Margaret Fuller; Sheila Himsworth; Jackie Johns; Derek Markie; Rachel Powell; Kay Wall; Heather Walsh; Paul Wingert; Anne Yelland.

This report, together with the year's financial report will be presented for approval to the AGM which is to be held on Saturday 7th March, 2020 at 1.00 p.m.

Evesham Street Pastors co-ordinators

Lead Co-ordinator – John Darby

Prayer Partners – Sheila Himsworth

Fundraising and Finance – Derek Markie

Administration and DBS – Diane Bennett

Rotas, supplies and training – Carol Sheehan

Web site and Social Media – Simon Brown

All patrol leaders